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Gallinger Opposed

SENATOR GALLINGER, of New Hamp-

shire, whom some one has said was

never right in his life, and who has just

committed a new blunder by anti-Japanese

oratory, is opposed for re-election by Con-

gressman Stevens, a Democrat, with a good

legislative and congressional record. Stevens

wish the nomination over two opponents,

while Gallinger was unopposed, but the pri-

mary seems not to have left any bitterness

behind, and a Progressive candidate threat-

ened to capture a part of the Republican vote.

So Stevens apparently has a chance to win,

thus increasing the Democratic majority in

the Senate, and what is of more importance,

retiring Senator Gallinger to private life,

which has wanted him for so many years.

Sir Edward Grey

THE compliment paid Sir Edward Grey by

Premier Asquith in an address to the

people of London Friday was fully merited.

It was the expression of the respect of one

big man for another. The British Foreign

Minister deserves, and in the fullness of time

will receive, the thanks and the honor of the

world for his splendid efforts to avert the

catastrophe which has prostrated Europe.

No man reading the German and English

accounts of the correspondence preceding the

rapid-fire declarations of war by Germany

can fail to be impressed with the sincerity of

Sir Edward Grey's desires for peace, or with

the magnanimity and frankness of his whole

course. Whoever is responsible for this war,

if any one is responsible, it most assuredly

is not Sir Edward Grey. He performed a

great work in the interest of peace, and that

it was unsuccessful merely goes to make the

responsibility rest the heavier on other

shoulders.

Marshall and Wilson

DISCUSSING the comparatively slight at-

tention paid by the country to Vice-

President Marshall's prediction that in 1916

President Wilson would be nominated by the

Democrats without serious opposition, the

Baltimore News says that, "of course," it is

due to the fact that the war is absorbing all

our interests.

That is only part of the reason. The Mar-

shall announcement would have attracted

much more attention in times of dull news

than it attracted when made, but it would

never have assumed the place of a seven-day

wonder. Little interest can be stirred even

by a Vice-President, by making a solemn

statement of what everybody has already

agreed upon. Mr. Marshall was merely giv-

ing expression to a general opinion, and, con-

sequently, aroused little interest. Every-

body knows that, so far as can be seen now,

Woodrow Wilson will be renominated, and

nobody has time to grow excited because some

eminent man put the thing into words.

The Vatican and the Quirinal

IT is the general expectation that Pope Bene-

diet XV. will continue the beneficent work

of lessening the tension which has existed be-

tween the papal and Italian courts since the

temporal power of the "Popes" in Italy was

taken from them. This friction has been the

fruitful source of trouble, not only in Italy,

but in other European countries. Under the

late Pius X, matters were appreciably mended,

although personages visiting Rome were un-

der the necessity of watching their steps, lest

they give offense to the royal court or the

papal Vatican by visiting one court before

the other.

Policies in Italy have been rendered com-

plex by the lack of harmony between the

temporal and spiritual rulers. A strong cler-

ical party has been faced by an equally deter-

mined, and sometimes extremely bitter, radi-

cal section. Antipathies of this sort are not

conducive either to the unanimity or the

prosperity of a nation.

It may be too much to hope that during

the pontificate of Benedict XV. Rome may

see a Pope driving through the streets of

Rome, no longer secluded within the precincts

of the Vatican, but it may come. The recent

election of a pontiff is credited with being

a diplomat, and, as such, he might deem

it his duty to bring to an end the anomalous

condition of the spiritual head of a large

part of Christendom, being a self-elected

prisoner in the Eternal City.

To Change the Subject

NEWSPAPERS of the country are being

flooded just now with war news, war

editorials, letters to the editor on war, res-

olutions passed by the various societies on

war, and excerpts from able articles on ma-

nuvres, aviation, international law and the

etiquette of the siege, until it is little won-

der that here and there you will find some

one who is heartily weary of the monotony of it.

The greatest battle in the world's history are

being fought, but there is so much of it that

the thrill wears.

It is restless to change the subject. For in-

stance, oysters are high and scarce in New

York at the opening of September, and Bal-

timore and Norfolk both report the usual

shellfish scare. There's a subject that is

perennial and threadbare, but it's different—

it's not about war. Then again, a girl run-

ning around Trenton in a nightgown disap-

peared, and nobody knows whether she

jumped into the river or ran into the woods.

That's thrilling. Baltimore is about to have

a Star Spangled Banner Exposition, because

the battle hymn was written in 1814 by

Francis Scott Key, who was born in Fred-

erick County, Md. Interesting item that.

Let's see—mhm! There must be some-

thing else than war. Oh, yes! Illinois has

a new banking system, Ontario is enforcing

a law against butter adulteration, a water

main burst in New York and flooded some

cellars, three times as many names as were

needed have been secured in support of

Whitman's gubernatorial candidacy in New

York, the Cherokees have held their last

tribal conference at Okmulgee and gone out

of existence, a girl in New York was lured to

a Chinese den by the proprietor's white wife,

and Roosevelt says something or other caus-

ing about Mr. Barnes.

Certainly, there is something besides war

news. For instance, a cat in Colorado is

mothering two young eaglets fallen from a

nest, and a snake in Kalamazoo started on his

own tail and swallowed himself so tightly that

he couldn't be pulled loose by an agent of the

Society for the Suppression of Cruelty to

Animals. It's restless to change the subject,

as we said at the opening of the second para-

graph heretofore.

And while we are changing the subject,

permit us to observe that baseball is drawing

greater crowds than ever, and, that being the

case, what's the use of worrying about war?

WAYSIDE CHATS WITH OLD VIRGINIA EDITORS

The Lynchburg News has another word copy-

righted.

"Sit tight, look wise, say nothing and eventu-

ally you may know something," advises the

West Point News. And if you don't, at the least

you will not let other folks know how little

you know.

The war between the Chifton Forge Review

and the Covington Virginian is over, we are

informed by the former. The latter, it says,

sued for peace at any terms.

The Southside Sentinel will not stand for any

slight, real or fancied, upon the food we get

from the sea. "Henceforth more and more

value will attach to the products of the sea,"

it says. How can any more value be attached

than now, with the oyster season just opening

up?

"The writer has noticed several instances

of careless automobile driving," says the Ma-

thews Journal. Only several? You are lucky.

War prices for foodstuffs and in fact every

article in general use at this time are absolutely

unrealized for, and can only be characterized as

an outrage against humanity," says the South-

ampton Democrat. Not altogether. Those things

we import will rise in price naturally because

of the decreased supply.

"Not a hero, but a wise man," says the Suffolk

Herald of Woodrow Wilson. It is wiser to be

a wise man instead of a hero. He lives longer.

"Where is Hell?" is a headline in the North

Carolina Independent. There is absolutely no

difficulty now about locating the place. Take

train to New York, enroute passage to London,

cross the Channel to any port preferred, and

cross around in any old direction, and you will

soon strike the centre of it.

"War prices for foodstuffs"—Oh, shucks, we

saw that in another newspaper just now.

The Chase City Progress wants to know how

we knew "de nihilo nihil est" was Latin. Didn't,

just made a guess. Was it a good one?

The Gordonsville Gazette, edited by a woman,

and, therefore, able to speak authoritatively,

was good out of the war, because of the pen-

sioning of the American woman from

Paris fashion tyrants. "We have depended

upon Paris too long," she says. Here's a chance

for a real struggle for real independence. Will

the editors of the Gazette take command of

the patriotic struggles for liberty?

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